

3 September 1968

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Subject: Oxcart Phase Down and Storage of Assets

Reference (A) PSO letter, dated 5 July 1968

(B) PSO Teletype 9488, dated 22 July 1968

(C) Headquarters Teletype 4674, dated 31 July 1968

We have completed review of reference (A) and are using it as a guide for the phase down and storage of the A-12 Program. To make sure that our implementation is consistent with the plans of the PSO, we have described below some of the detailed procedures for which we would like your concurrence or comment.

In connection with Work Orders and Purchase Requests that are currently in process for items peculiar to the A-12, we are preparing a Status Report which we will forward to you during September 1968. Completion of shipments for all of these items can be expected to take six to eight months, during which time we will be proceeding with disposition of the other materials. Bonded Stock items on hand that are peculiar to the A-12 and needed for repair and overhaul of A-12 spares will be returned to the PSO. Bonded Stock common to the SR-71 will be retained for SR-71 support. Materials that were excess from the production contracts have already been dispositioned to the SR-71 or to Bonded Stock and no further action on these materials is required.

Since receipt of reference (A), the Contracting Officer gave his approval in reference (C) to the tooling retirement policy set forth in reference (B). Based on this approval, we are proceeding to scrap obsolete tools for the A-12 and would like your approval to concurrently scrap all peculiar A-12 tools that are not needed for maintenance support upon reactivation of the airplanes. As we scrap these tools, we would propose to list them as surplus and dispose of them through the Defense Office may

have a documentation record of tool dispositions. For A-12 peculiar tools that are needed for maintenance support upon reactivation of aircraft from storage, we will prepare a punched card for each tool to be put in storage. These cards will be consistent with the tool record card requirements established in reference (A).

In order to avoid unnecessary shipping and handling of A-12 peculiar tools, jigs and fixtures that are located at vendor plants, we would like your approval to dispose of them based on the Contractor's recommendation. Following is a summary of this proposal for both ADP and Vendor tools:

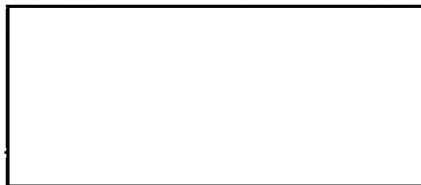
- (a) Obsolete A-12 tools - Scrap - Note in contractor record.
- (b) Peculiar A-12 tools not required for maintenance support - Scrap and provide numerical listing for documentation to the Depot.
- (c) Peculiar A-12 tools required for maintenance support - Prepare for storage and ship directly to the Depot, with appropriate markings and punched card, as outlined in reference (A).
- (d) A-12 tools common to SR-71 - Transfer accountability to the appropriate SR-71 Contract.

Proceeds from the disposition of scrap for both ADP and Vendor tools will be credited in accordance with the policies approved by the Cognizant Government Agency. In the event that a Vendor has no approved procedure for handling scrap credits, we will obtain a refund for direct credit to the appropriate contract.

Recommendations for tool retention will be based on keeping a repair and overhaul capability for material in storage, but there will be no provisions to resume new production of items peculiar to the A-12. Vendors who have been keeping vendor-owned tooling in place in anticipation of further orders will be advised of these disposition guidelines, so that they may eliminate unnecessary tools from their own inventory.

While we are working on review of material items we will be reviewing the technical data to determine that which is needed for reactivation. These data will be packaged for storage along with the hardware to provide the minimum essential technical information required for subsequent aircraft operation.

We believe that this program will meet the objectives at the least cost to the Government. Since it represents our understanding of the references, we would appreciate it if you will indicate your concurrence and return one (1) copy to the undersigned.



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